Scheduled Tribes, the following criteria are followed:—

Scheduled Castes: Extreme social educational and economic backwardness arising out of the traditional practice of untouchability.

Scheduled Tribes: Dedications of primitive traits, distinctive culture. geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large and backwardness.

ICAR Report for increasing production of Grains and Fodder

792. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has prepared a macro-level analytical report for increasing the production of grains and fodder during the Rabi season to compensate for the Kharif losses due to drought; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient recommendations have been discussed with the Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities to take suitable action for stablising and enhancing production in their respective areas. Copies of report have also been sent to Planning Commission and Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture for suitable action.

A special meeting of Governing Body of ICAR is being held on 18-11-1987 to discuss the future strategy in this regard.

Import of Foodgrains

793. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of foodgrains required during the year 1987-88;

(b) what will be indigenous production; and

(c) how much foodgrain is expected to be imported from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) As the demand for foodgrains in the country depends on various factors, such as population growth, extent of urbanisation, levels of income, prices of substitutable foodgrains etc., precise estimates of requirement of foodgrains in the country are not available.

(b) It is too early to indicate the likely size of foodgrains production during the crop year 1987-88.

(c) There are adequate stocks of foodgrains with the public agencies. However, the Government keeps open the option to import foodgrains as and when considered necessary.

Production of Foodgrains

794 SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prospects of foodgrains production in the year 1987-88 in the country;

(b) what will be the amount of deficit; and

(c) how Government propose to meet this deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE